CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lieut. H. Sullley
Intelligence Unit

DATE: Feb. 9, 1967.

FILE:

SUBJECT: Information

FROM: Sgt. E. L. McCracken
Intelligence Unit

REFERENCES:

ENCLOSURES:

On Friday, Feb. 3, 1967 the writer met with an old acquaintance, whom I had known when I was employed by the Miami Linen Supply. His name is PARTON - BAR CODY, also known as "Tex", Miami Police BCI #39330. Note: See FBI record this file. (FBI #[illegible]).

At the time of this acquaintance he was also employed by the Miami Linen Supply.

Cody introduced me to a friend of his, named MICKEY Mc Laney and stated the following:

Mickey is the son of Michael J. Mc Laney, who had been named in an article published by Life Magazine, Feb. 3, 1967. The article is on Page 58 and is called "The Scandal in the Bahamas". The article implies that Mike McLaney (father) is implicated or associated with mobster Meyer Lansky. Cody stated that Mr. Michael J. Mc Laney is going to sue Life Magazine because of this implication; that Mr. Mc Laney is not associated with Meyer Lansky or any other mobsters in the Bahamas or anywhere else; in fact he is in the process of going into business in the Bahamas and is opposed to the mobster element there. To the best of my recollection, Mr. McLaney is negotiating with LYNDEN O. PINDLING, the new Premier of the Bahamas to build a hotel and gambling Casino on Paradise Island. He also intends to build a bridge from the City of Nassau to Paradise Island. He feels that the article in Life magazine may hinder his chances towards the negotiations with Premier Pindling. Cody also stated that at one time Dan Sullivan, Executive Vice President of the Crime Commission of Greater Miami, made a derogatory statement against Michael McLaney, - something to the effect that Mc Laney was a professional golf gambler out of New Orleans.

Due to the fact that there may be a possibility that Michael J. McLaney is connected with mobsters here in Miami or in the Bahamas, the writer requested Cody to arrange an interview between Mr. McLaney and myself. Cody stated that he would arrange an interview at the earliest possible time.

On Feb. 8, 1967 the writer proceeded to the office of Dan Sullivan, and requested to see the files on Michael J. McLaney. Mr. Sullivan at first gave an oral statement regarding the background of McLaney and then opened his files permitting me to read everything regarding him.

After reading Mr. Sullivan's file, it was the impression of this writer that nothing definite pinpoints Mr. McLaney as being associated with or connected with any mobster element. Apparently he has no criminal record or arrests. He was a Deputy Sheriff in New Orleans from approximately 1936 to 1943. He was at one time amateur tennis champion of Lousiana. He is quite athletic and plays excellent golf. He has an excellent mind with figures and figuring odds. He has several times been suspected of criminal activities - however nothing proved definite.

On Feb. 9, 1967 at 9.15 A.M. the writer conducted an interview with Mr. Michael J. McLaney at his residence 1021 North Venetian Drive. The following was learned:

Mr. McLaney is in fact negotiating at this time in order to build a gambling Casino and hotel in Paradise Island in the Bahamas. He stated that he is definitely not associated with any mobster here or in the Bahamas and that he is opposed to the mobster element. He desires, if and when he is permitted to go into business, to run a legitimate business. Anyone who will be in his employ cannot have any criminal record whatsoever. He understands that the Bahamian Government will thoroughly check his employees but he desires to have them checked beforehand here in the States and if in the event they have a record, they will be denied employment in his establishment. At this point I stated that the City of Miami has a voluntary Civilian registration setup and will be available to his employees. In this process the persons are fingerprinted, photographed and checked through the F.B.I. The cost for this is $2.00 per person.

In the course of the conversation, Mr. McLaney named some of his close friends. To the best of my recollection, those named were - J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I., John S. Knight, Publisher of the Miami Herald and Rockey Pomerantz, Chief of the Miami Beach Police Department. He stated that he could use these people as references, along with the Chief of Police and Mayor of New Orleans.

Interview concluded at 9.45 A.M. Feb. 9, 1967.

Note: Upon my departure it was noted that his next-door neighbor is Anthony Salerno, 1041 North Venetian Drive (refer to our file).

Mr. McLaney stated to me that I should feel free to have an interview with him at any time in the future and gave me his phone number, which is 371-0683 (unlisted) to make an appointment.

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Article from Life Magazine - Feb. 3, 1967 - attached.